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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

Aug 26, 2020

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

STEPHEN JAMES JOHNSON, JR.,

Defendant.

No. 2:20-CR-00053-WFN-3

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S
MOTION FOR
RECONSIDERATION

MOTION DENIED
(ECF No. 107)

Before the Court is Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration, **ECF No. 107**.
The motion is filed by Defendant personally, not through his attorney of record.

All communication regarding a case must come from a party's attorney of record. In a criminal case a court should not receive or consider information received directly from a defendant regarding a matter pending before that court. Such communications present an appearance of improper *ex parte* communication and, separately, may seriously prejudice the defense in ways not anticipated by the defendant.

The Court has reviewed the records and files herein and Defendant's motion, **ECF No. 107**. The Court **FINDS** Defendant has not provided material information that was unavailable at the time of the previous Motions for Release from Custody, **ECF Nos. 98, 101**.

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1 Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration,
2 **ECF No. 107**, is **DENIED**.

3 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

4 DATED August 26, 2020.



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JOHN T. RODGERS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE